

This is just another example of the Bush administration keeping big business in their back pocket. One has to wonder what perks the Sinclair company will get in return for such a generous (partisan) gift. I am sure that some deregulation is more than likely in order. It is a shame that the Sinclair company does not have more integrity. If they were truly fair, they would also broadcast Fahrenheit 911. Of course fairness is not what they are looking for, profits from being in bed with the Bush campaign are.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.